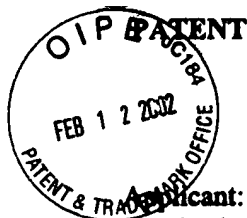


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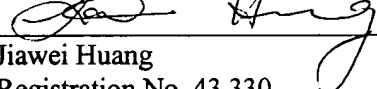
Enclosed are a Korean Examination Report and a PTO Form 1449 listing ONE reference(s), copies of which are attached. Applicants submit the reference(s) in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make the citation(s) of official record.

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Title of the Invention: Advertising Method Using Software Products

According to Article 63 of the Korean Patent Law, the applicant is notified that the present application has been rejected for the reasons given below. Any Argument or Amendment which the applicant may wish to submit, must be submitted by December 22, 2001. An indefinite number of one-month extensions in the period for submitting a response may be obtained upon request, however no official confirmation of the acceptance of a request for an extension will be issued.

Reasons

Since the specification, drawings and the scope of the claims in the application are inappropriately described as follows, the application is unpatentable, failing to comply with the provision of Article 42(3) and 42(4) of the Korean Patent Law.

The application includes mentions about payment, specifying that a plurality of advertisement sponsors carry advertisements differentially according to their portions of support. However, detailed technical features necessary to implement the payment are not included.

Also, the invention as claimed in all claims could have been easily invented by one of ordinary skill in the art prior to the filing of the application, and thus this application is rejected according to Article 29(2) of the Korean Patent Law.

According to U.S Patent 5105184, advertisements are coupled to software to display when the software is run by a user. The present invention is closely similar to the prior art

of the U.S Patent 5105184 in terms of the objective and the spirit of the invention associated with the relationship between advertisers, software designers, and users. In addition, the link to advertisers and the cost calculation basis are obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Therefore, the present invention would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art from the cited reference.

Enclosure: U.S Patent No. 5105184

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